

REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 13 and 17 herein. Thus, claims 13, 15, 16, and 17-20 are presently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Rejections Under Section 112, first paragraph:

Independent claims 13 and 17 have been amended to correct the issues noted in the Office Communication regarding §112, first paragraph. For example, each vibratory device is presently recited to include a respective plate (in lieu of a plurality of plates). Accordingly, the rejection of claims 13 and 17 (and the claims that depend from these independent claims) under 35 USC §112, first paragraph rejections should be withdrawn.

Response to Rejections Under Section 112, second paragraph:

Applicants note that the amendments made to independent claims 13 and 17 also correct the issues noted in the Office Communication regarding §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 13, 17 (and the claims that depend from these independent claims) under 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejections should also be withdrawn.

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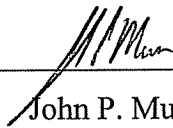
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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